



PATENT  
Customer No. 32,127  
Attorney Docket No. 03-1022

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Craig L. REDING et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2614  
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Application No.: 10/720,971 ) Examiner: Ramnandan P. Singh  
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Filed: November 24, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 5216  
)  
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR )  
LINE MANAGEMENT )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In an Office Action dated February 20, 2008, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of the following alleged three (3) groups of claims:

- Group I      Claims 1-10, 19-28, 37-46, and 57-59 allegedly drawn to a modification to at least one of the communications lines;
- Group II     Claims 11-18, 29-36, 47-54, and 56 allegedly drawn to instructions regarding handling of a call; and
- Group III    Claim 55 as allegedly a subcombination of Groups I and II.

Applicants elect, without traverse, the claims of alleged Group I (claims 1-10, 19-28, 37-46, and 57-59).

The Office Action contains numerous characterizations of the disclosure and the claims with which Applicants do not necessarily agree. Unless expressly noted

otherwise, Applicants decline to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Reply, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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